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SUBJECT: EASTERN EUROPE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS'
CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 27-30, 1976

REF: STATE 214653; STATE 221062; BUCHAREST 05326 (NOTAL)

1. AS INDICATED IN STATE 221062, CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS
HAVE BEEN PUTTING TOGETHER A QUOTE SESSION ORGANIZATION
GUIDE END QUOTE FOR EACH SESSION TO ASSIST PANELISTS IN
THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. EACH POINT SUGGESTED IN THE GUIDE REMAINS A SUGGESTION
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AND NO PANELIST COULD COVER ALL THE POINTS ADEQUATELY IN THE BRIEF TIME ALLOTTED FOR HIS OR HER PRESENTATION. PANELISTS SHOULD SELECT FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCES THE POINTS WARRANTING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS AND PROMISING TO STIMULATE THE GREATEST DISCUSSION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. PANELISTS ARE REQUESTED TO PREPARE A BRIEF UNCLASSIFIED OUTLINE OR NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THEIR PRESENTATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO THEIR MODERATOR AT

THE CONFERENCE. THE SESSION ON PRC-USSR RELATIONS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE WITH ACCESS TO THE SESSION STRICTLY CONTROLLED AND LIMITED TO USG OFFICIALS.

4. SESSION ORGANIZATION GUIDE FOR 1400-1515 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 FOLLOWS:

A. AGENDA ITEM: P.R.C.-U.S.S.R. RELATIONS

MODERATOR: HARVEY FELDMAN, SOFIA

PANELISTS: KENNETH SKOUG, MOSCOW; WILLIAM THOMAS, PEKING; RICHARD VIETS, BUCHAREST

RAPPORTEUR: HERTHA HEISS, USSR/OEWCA/BEWT

B. OBJECTIVE OF SESSION: TO EXPLORE THE COMMERCIAL/ ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CEMA COUNTRIES FOR THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES.

C. POSSIBLE THRUST OF PANELISTS' PRESENTATIONS:

(1) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW - THE P.R.C.: WILLIAM THOMAS, PEKING, AND

(2) POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OVERVIEW - THE U.S.S.R.: KENNETH SKOUG, MOSCOW

-- HOW DO CHINA AND THE USSR VIEW THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION? IN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS? IN PRACTICE?

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-- HOW HAS THIS CONFRONTATION AFFECTED USSR-PRC ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS? HOW HAS IT AFFECTED SUCH RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CEMA COUNTRIES?

-- ARE THERE RISKS OR ADVANTAGES FOR AMERICAN FIRMS IN DEALING WITH BOTH THE CHINESE AND THE SOVIETS?

-- WHAT ARE THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PRC AND INDIVIDUAL CEMA COUNTRIES? HOW WIDELY DO THEY DIFFER?

-- IS THERE ANYTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THE BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHINA AND EACH OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH COULD HAVE IMPACT ON THE U.S. TRADING RELATIONSHIPS?

(3) AN EAST EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE: RICHARD VIETS, BUCHAREST

-- HOW HAVE ROMANIA AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN CEMA COUNTRIES RELATED TO THE USSR AND THE PRC AS A RESULT OF THE PRC-USSR CONFRONTATION? OFFICIALLY? IN PRACTICE?

-- HOW DO THEY MAINTAIN BALANCE IN THEIR RELATIONS? IS THIS REFLECTED IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS AND TRANSACTIONS? IF SO, TO WHAT EXTENT?

-- DOES ROMANIA HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC CONNECTION WITH THE PRC OR IS IT MORE WINDOW DRESSING THAN REAL?

-- HAS ROMANIA'S APPROACH PROVED ADVANTAGEOUS TO IT POLITICALLY OR COMMERCIALY?

5. WE TRUST AMENDED TITLE AND ABOVE GUIDE IS RESPONSIVE TO BUCHAREST 5326 AND REGRET CONFUSION CAUSED BY ORIGINAL TITLE. ROBINSON

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